

# The GIRL and the GAME

A STORY OF MOUNTAIN RAILROAD LIFE.

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CHAPTER XIV.

(Continued.)

"Come on," cried Seagrus. "If we're to do this, there's no time to waste. Into the car!" He sprang in after her and away they went on the new road.

Aboard the new train, no one had any idea of the excitement outside. Storm, upset by the outcome of the day, was talking with others in the coach and so absorbed that he caught no sight of Helen on the vanishing highway. But by pressing their car to the utmost speed, she and Seagrus reached Burnet Bridge ahead of the train. From where they stopped they could see the smoke of the local, now fast approaching.

Seagrus asked Helen what she meant to do. She had decided and told him her plan. He protested, saying she must not attempt what she proposed. "You will only get killed," he insisted, "and do nobody any good."

"No," she replied, "I can do it, and I'm going to do it. She said and took up her plan. He protested, saying she must not attempt what she proposed. "You will only get killed," he insisted, "and do nobody any good."

"It's all right to try anything you'd have any chance of succeeding in, but you'd only be going to your death, I tell you," he persisted.

Unwilling to waste more time, Helen tried to open the car door to get out. Seagrus caught her arm. "You can't get out," he declared.

"I will go!" she cried.

Before he could restrain her she jumped out of the car and ran swiftly to the edge of the bridge, caught hold of it. The next moment the local dashed through below and Helen jumped to the top of the boxcar.

Scrambling down from the deck, she ran to the end, hurried down the side ladder and, getting between the two cars, she cut off the air and pulled the pin.

The train, torn abruptly in two, separated, the head end jerking upward and the Junction engine, just ahead, while the hind end shuddered down. No. 8 had already whistled for the Junction and even though the parted local dashed over the frogs the heavy passenger train swept swiftly across almost at right angles to it. From the opposite direction, car barely cleared the hind end of the local as this followed over the crossing in pursuit of its severed head.

The local engineer, looking back, saw what had happened and applied the air. As he slowed down, the passengers now aware of what had happened, turned out of the coaches and ran forward. Helen, still fainting from the side impact, she lay unconscious on the ground as the passengers crowded up.

forgot myself this morning," George was saying to his offended sweetheart. "I know I ought not to have given way, but when that fellow spoke to me as he did—after all his meanness—I felt as if nothing but a good beating would do him justice. I forgot you in it, Helen—that's all! Can you forgive me?"

She looked up into his eyes. Whether he found forgiveness there or not, he could detect nothing of anger: "Take me home, George," she said sorrowfully. I'm awfully bruised up."

"You've nothing on me at that," laughed Storm. He slipped his hand into the pocket of his waistcoat and drew out their ring. "Before we start, Helen, I'd better put this back where it belongs." Taking her unresisting finger into his own, he slipped the engagement ring over it again.

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